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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS: ENCOURAGING UKRAINE TO RATIFY
NATO-PFP TRUST FUND AGREEMENT

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Polmiloff discussed reftel points with Marc Verstedden (Senior Policy Officer, Security Policy Department, MFA) October 4. Verstedden noted -- as indicated by the demarche points -- that the Netherlands has pledged funds to the NATO-PfP Trust Fund project to help Ukraine destroy its excess munitions, small arms and light weapons. As such, the Netherlands is concerned about the delay in implementation. He planned to discuss further action with his colleagues in the MFA's Arms Control and Arms Export Policy Division. Post will provide updates as necessary.

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